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Race, Geography Factors in Md. Death Penalty Decisions

Race affects the way death penalty cases are handled in Maryland, mainly influencing prosecutors' decisions early in the process, says a study from a university criminologist and statistician. The study also finds substantial variations in the way Maryland jurisdictions deal with capital cases.

"Disparities in treatment start at the earliest stages of prosecution," says Raymond Paternoster, the study's principal investigator. "These differences are not exacerbated at trial or actual sentencing phases, but they also don't get corrected then. So disparities persist."

Conducted over two and a half years, this statistical analysis of thousands of public records is the most exhaustive study ever of Maryland's application of the death penalty. The researchers examined records of every homicide prosecution in which the death penalty might have been applied between 1978, when the law took effect, and 1999. They

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Taking Safety to New Depths



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University Diving Safety Officer Bill Sarro (left) oversees the process as aerospace engineering undergraduate student John Mularski helps graduate student Jeffrey Smithanik suit up for diving.

Few people on campus can boast a job description that includes getting into a wetsuit and diving into a body of water. However, there are actually several underwater projects that

involve university researchers. It is Bill Sarro's job to make sure the work is both productive and safe.

As Maryland's dive safety officer, Sarro works through the Department of Environmental Safety (DES). He

approves dive plans that must answer—in accordance with national standards—several questions that include where will diving take place, are divers going in the water

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Terrorism Study Begins at University

Shortly before four hijacked airplanes slammed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania, criminology and criminal justice professor Gary LaFree learned about a database composed of 74,000 terrorist events recorded for the entire world from 1970 to 1997.

This unique database was originally collected by the Pinkerton Corporation's Global Intelligence Service (PGIS). After a series of discussions, officials at PGIS agreed to allow LaFree and colleagues to do a systematic study of their terrorism database. With the help of Laura Dugan, also in the department, LaFree moved the PGIS data to the offices of the Democracy Collaborative at the university and obtained a grant from the National Institute of Justice to code and analyze them.

"We believe that this is the most comprehensive data set on terrorism that has ever been available to researchers," LaFree said. "Unlike most other databases on terrorism, the PGIS data includes political, as well as religious, economic and social acts of terrorism. Moreover, because the PGIS data were collected by a private business rather than a government entity, the data collectors were under no pressure to exclude some terrorist acts because of political considerations."

"And finally, unlike any other publicly available database, the PGIS data include both instances of domestic and international terrorism. These differences make the PGIS database approximately seven times larger than any of the other publicly available terrorism databases."

For the past two months, the research team at Maryland has been developing a plan for coding and analyzing these data and pre-testing data coding instruments. The official coding of the data is scheduled to begin in January 2003. Because the project requires a substantial amount of data coding, LaFree thought it provided a perfect opportunity to involve students in an ongoing research project. Accordingly, the team has been recruiting a large group of undergraduate students to help work on the project. There are plans to involve students in the project both by offering a three-hour research course (CCJS 399) and by hiring undergraduates as paid staff members. All student participants will be required to attend an extensive training session. Students who sign up for the three-hour course will also be

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Baby, It's Cold Outside

When weather forecasters begin making snow and ice predictions, Harry Teabout loses sleep. He frets and looks out the window a lot. It bothers his wife.

"She says she doesn't sleep either," jokes Teabout, director of building and landscape services.

It is Teabout's job, with the help of an early-rising crew, to determine if the campus can open after one of nature's dustings or dumpings of frozen precipitation. He knows that at 4 a.m., just after snow falls or during, he and assistant director Kevin Brown need to walk the campus to assess its condition. By 5 a.m., they can call Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost William Destler to make their recommendation. He then calls George Cathcart, director of university communications, who will make sure news outlets, the university Web site and weather hotline have the correct information.

Back outside, the broom crew

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Union Wins Right to Bargain for Employees

With a 64 percent turnout rate in last week's election, eligible exempt employees voted for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) to represent them in collective bargaining issues with the university.

A small crowd watched as State Higher Education Labor Relations Board (SHELRB) officials and university administrators counted absentee ballots and pulled totals from each of the four voting machines in the Grand Ballroom of the Stamp Student Union. Six hundred and forty ballots were cast, with 435 voting for University Professionals United/AFSCME representation and 205 voting against it.

"Participation is about what I anticipated," said Dale Anderson, director of personnel. "We wanted everyone involved to vote."

Karl Pence, executive director of SHELRB,



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MITCHEL

Director of Personnel Services Dale Anderson (left) and SHELRB Executive Director Karl Pence tally votes on election day.

read the totals and congratulated the university on a smooth election. Union supporters cheered and hugged each other after hearing that their months of campaigning had paid off.

"I was surprised to see how many people were engaged in the process and had such excellent ideas," said

Greg Johnson of University Relations.

Next steps include a ratification of the vote by SHELRB and "down the road, sitting down with representatives from the exempt category to...create a memorandum of understanding," said Anderson.

Non-exempt employees voted for the union in an election held last fall. Their bargaining team is in the process of working with university administration on a number

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YOUR GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY EVENTS: JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 4

TUESDAY

January 28

8-10 p.m., MacHomer Ina and Jack Kay Theater, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are \$5 and all others \$25. Featuring Rick Miller. For more information, contact the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at (301) 405-ARTS, or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

WEDNESDAY

January 29

11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Lecture by Benjamin R. Barber Rennie Forum, Prince George's Community College. The author of "Jihad vs. McWorld" will speak on "What the Future Holds: Jihad, McWorld or Global Democracy?" Reception and book signing immediately following the lecture. For more information, contact Alan Mickelson at (301) 322-0464 or amickelson@pgcc.edu.

THURSDAY

January 30

5:30 p.m., The Mystery of Sesame Street Broadcasting Archives Reading Room, 3rd floor, Hornbake Library. Lecture and reception hosted by Friends of the Libraries and the Department of History, featuring a discussion by Robert Morrow of the Department of History about what happened when the makers of Sesame Street tried to reform children's television. RSVP to Friends of the Libraries at 4-5674. For more information, contact Lori Hill at (301) 549-3249 or lorihill@comcast.net.

FRIDAY

January 31

7 p.m., Oboe Masterclass with William McMullen Ulrich Recital Hall, Tawes Fine Arts Building. McMullen is a distinguished faculty artist at the University of Nebraska and former player with the New York Philharmonic. Free of charge. For more information, call (301) 405-5524.

8 p.m., Asphalt: Urban Dance/Opera Ina and Jack Kay Theatre, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Presented

Faculty Spotlight Recital

Lights of Fancy: A Faculty Spotlight Recital will take place Friday, Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. School of Music faculty violinist James Stern and guest pianist Audrey Andrist will perform a program of fantasias by Chopin, Schoenberg, Schubert, Telemann and Vieuxtemps. Free. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS.

by Jane Comfort and Company. Tickets are \$5 for full-time students and \$25 for the public. Call (301) 405-ARTS for tickets and information, or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu (or see *Stages*, page 3).

SATURDAY

February 1

9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Girl Scout Engineering Saturday 3201 J.M. Patterson. Cadette and Senior Girl Scout Troops can earn the Inventions and Inquiries interest project patch (Skill Builders 3,4,5; Technology 5; Service 2; Career Exploration 1,3). Space is limited to 25 Scouts and advance registration is required. Free. Scouts should bring lunch or money to purchase lunch at the Stamp Student Union. Sponsored by the Women In Engineering Program and facilitated by university RISE students. For more information, contact Paige Smith at 5-3931 or pesmith@deans.umd.edu.

10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mark Hill Oboe Workshop for Middle & High School Students Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Featuring guest artist/clinician William McMullen of the University of Nebraska. Workshop includes masterclass and recital performances by faculty artists. Registration fee is \$25. For more information, call 5-5524.

2 p.m., Hippolyte Et Aricie Performed by Opera Lafayette, Dekelbom Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for full-time students and \$20-\$40 for the public. Discounts available for seniors and groups. For more information and tickets, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

8 p.m., Happy Birthday, Mozart: Variations on a Theme by Mozart Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The

School of Music's annual celebration of Mozart marks its 20th year with a special program of music by other composers based on works of Mozart. A concert of the Scholarship Benefit Series, proceeds provide scholarship support for students of the School of Music. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$5 for students. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS.

8 p.m., Asphalt: Urban Dance/Opera See Jan. 31.

SUNDAY

February 2

3 p.m., Happy Birthday, Mozart: Variations on a Theme by Mozart See Feb. 1.

7:30 p.m., Ars Nova Choir Performance Dekelbom Concert Hall. Denmark's premier chamber music choir performs. A discussion, moderated by WETA's Robert Aubry Davis, at 6:30 p.m. precedes the performance. Tickets are \$5 for full-time students and \$30 for the public. Discounts are available for seniors and groups. For tickets and more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu (or see *Stages*, page 3).

MONDAY

February 3

RSVP by today for the Institute for Global Chinese Affairs Spring Reception in honor of three delegations of Chinese executives. See For Your Interest, page 8.

RSVP by today for the Institute for Global Chinese Affairs Spring Symposium titled "Sino-American Relations in the News: Does the Media Reflect a Balance?" See For Your Interest, page 8.

9:30 a.m.-noon, Spatial Analysis with ArcView GIS

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of issues, including parking rates, tuition remission and health benefits.

With the union victory, plans are being made for surveying exempt employees on the issues of most concern to them, said Carol Prier, assistant to the dean of the Clark School of Engineering. Parking rates, tuition remission and health benefits are sure to be among them.

"Performance evaluations could be more fair," Prier added. "I'd like to see a system where employees evaluate supervisors."

A critical issue for Betty Wineke, program management coordinator in the English department, was whether tuition remission benefits for her daughter will be transferable to other university system institutions. In general she said she is looking for-

ward to having "a democratic discussion about our work environment."

Just over 1,000 exempt employees (1,018) were eligible to vote. Reminders were sent through campus broadcast e-mail encouraging all who could to do so, because the majority of ballots cast would decide the outcome. Since all eligible employees would be covered under any bargaining agreements if a union were elected, a few people could have decided the professional fates of all.

In July 2001, Gov. Parris Glendening approved a state senate bill that extended collective bargaining rights to University System of Maryland institutions. Currently, nine institutions in the university system have voted AFSCME as their bargaining voice.

2109 McKeldin Library. The UM Libraries are holding a series of workshops on ArcView this semester in 2109 McKeldin. They are free, but advance registration is required at www.lib.umd.edu/UES/gis.html. The workshops explore the more complex query and spatial analysis. Prerequisite: familiarity using ArcView. For more information, contact User Education Services at 5-9070 or ue6@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.lib.umd.edu/UES/gis.html.

8 p.m., University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra Concert Dekelbom Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The university's critically acclaimed symphony orchestra presents its first concert of the new year. The program includes Shostakovich's Violin Concerto no.1 featuring Nathan Bartley, winner of the UMSO 2002-2003 Concerto Competition. Also, a rare performance of Strauss's Don Quixote and Lutoslawski's Symphonic Variations conducted by Ruben Gimeno. Free. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

TUESDAY

February 4

12:45-4 p.m., OIT Short-course Training: Introduction to HTML 4404 Computer & Space Science. Participants will learn how to format a basic Web page, including text and paragraph formatting, special text characters hyperlinks and graphics. Other topics like proper use of graphics, sounds and general practices will also

be discussed. The prerequisites for the class are familiarity with the Web and Netscape. The class fee is \$40. To register, visit www.oit.umd.edu/sc. For more information, contact Jane S. Wieboldt at 5-0443 or oit-training@umail.umd.edu.

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NEWS FROM THE CLARICE SMITH

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Capturing the Nordic Spirit

Here on their debut American tour, Scandinavia's foremost chamber music choir, Ars Nova, will present "Nordic Voices," an evening of Renaissance and contemporary Scandinavian music at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center Sunday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dekelbom Concert Hall. Internationally renowned British choral conductor Paul Hillier, a co-founder and artistic director of the

wondrous performances of early music, but also with modern music from the past 25 years. Ars Nova has showcased the works of leading Scandinavian classical and jazz composers such as Poul Ruders, Hans Abrahamsen and Palle Mikkelborg and has also given the premieres of more than 150 new choral compositions including an experimental stage work by Danish Hotel Pro Forma and choreographer Bill Forsythe of the



acclaimed Hilliard Ensemble, will lead the choir. The performance will be preceded by a discussion at 6:30 p.m. moderated by WETA's "Around Town" host Robert Aubry Davis.

A pioneering group in Renaissance vocal music, Ars Nova brings a musical program of richly sung ancient melodies and avant-garde selections from composers including Obrecht, Byrd, Nielsen, Per Norgard, Gudmundsen-Holmgreen and Arvo Pärt. The Ottawa Citizen says that Ars Nova is "extremely musical, and both serious and adventure-some in programming." The New York Times praised Ars Nova at Danish Wave '99, a festival of Danish art and culture, noting that "Paul Hillier drew a consistently ravishing sound from the singers."

The group has enthralled audiences not only with its

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"A Danish ensemble that seems to have perfected matters of blend, intonation and clarity."—Fanfare

Stuttgart Ballet.

The charismatic 12-voice choir has presented more than one thousand concerts and broadcasts throughout Scandinavia and Europe and has toured in Israel, Japan, Brazil and Ghana. The group began performing in 1979. The 12 singers have worked with Peter Philips of The Tallis Scholars, Bruno Turner of Pro Cantione Antiqua, the Dutch recorder and viella player Kees Boeke, who specializes in medieval repertoire, and Gary Bertini of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra.

A recipient of the Danish equivalent of a Grammy award for their Nicolas Gombert recording, "Sacred Music" and a Diapason d'Or in France ("Best Classical CD") for Josquin des Prez: "Motets & Chansons," Ars Nova is sponsored by the Danish Ministry of Cultural Affairs, the Organization of Danish Professional Choirs and private foundations.

Tickets for Ars Nova are \$30. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS.

Takin' It to the Streets

Jane Comfort & Company Present Area Debut of "Asphalt"

Jazz, classical, hip-hop, Latin and African rhythms intertwine with fragments of poetry, song and visuals in the compelling land-

dreamlike mission on the streets of New York City. There he begins to unlock his past, escaping into a world made right by music.

"Asphalt" was born after

while. And so we began."

"Asphalt" is one of several contemporary works by visionary choreographer, writer and director Jane Comfort, who takes on current cultural and social issues with a unique mix of empathy, humor and experimentation. Her recent works include: "Underground River," which received the 1998 Bessie Award as a "risk taking and profound theatrical tour de force" in 1998; "Three Bagatelles for the Righteous," a series of three dances to music that weave together sound bites of political and religious leaders like Newt Gingrich and Pat Robertson; and "S/he," a work that uses gender and racial reversals to



scape of Jane Comfort's dance opera "Asphalt," making its area debut at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Friday, Jan. 31 and Saturday, Feb. 1 at 8 p.m.

With the book and lyrics by poet and dramatist Carl Hancock Rux, "Asphalt" is an urban dance opera work that blends the worlds of club raves, DJ sampling, jazz and Latin/African rhythms. Commissioned by the American Dance Festival and the Joyce Theatre, it tells the story of Racine, an artist abandoned as a child and unable to recall his past, who sets out on a strange and

Comfort saw one of Rux's "amazing, fiery performances in which he sang the words as much as spoke them." While for years she wrote her own texts, she sought a playwright to collaborate with after working on Tennessee Williams' play "The Glass Menagerie." Friends recommended Rux. After she got a book of his poetry, she was hooked. "The piece in the book that attracted me the most was a short story version of 'Asphalt,' and when I proposed making it into a music theatre piece, Rux said that he had been thinking the same thing for a

make a statement about political and social issues.

The New York Times has called Comfort "a post-modernist pioneer in the use of verbal material in dance." Jane Comfort & Company uses "a huge range of resources—singing, dancing, acting, film, puppetry, ballroom dancing, boxing, cross dressing, roller skating and sign language that creates deeply layered works that push the limits of what is normally called dance or drama."

Tickets for "Asphalt" are \$25. For more information call, (301) 405-ARTS.

Theatre Department Hosts Regional Festival

"Laramie Project" Showcased

The University of Maryland recently hosted the Region II festival of the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival (KC/ACTF). Started in 1969, the ACTF is a national theatre program that celebrates the finest theater at colleges and universities throughout the nation, organized through eight regional festivals.

Region II encompassed New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and the District of Columbia. One thousand students and faculty gathered for theatre performances, workshops, symposia and scholarship competitions in theatrical design, stage directing and performance. University of Maryland faculty and recent theatre graduates participated in a third of the presented workshops.

Participants in the regional festival included the University of Maryland, Goucher College, Towson University, New York University, Syracuse University, Juniata College, Rowan University, Montclair State University, Indiana

University of Pennsylvania, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Long Island University and Slippery Rock University.

One of Maryland's own productions, "The Laramie Project," was showcased at the regional festival and considered for entry into the national competition held at the Kennedy Center in the spring. Theatre student Pegi Marhsall-Amundsen was nominated for the Barbizon Award for Theatrical Design for her set design for "The Laramie Project." Zuanna Sherman, Eve Rounds, Martin Kivlighan and Wil Green were nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting Award Category. "Laramie" was also nominated in the ensemble category.

"We were honored to host the regional festival and to showcase the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, the Department of Theatre, the College of Arts and Humanities and the University on a national level," said Daniel McLean Wagner, acting chair of the Department of Theatre.

Bringing History into Focus

Cathy Gorn laughs easily and loves what she does. Good thing. Last fall, Gorn, who is executive director of the ever-growing National History Day Inc. program, was tapped by President George Bush for a leading role in a national educational history project.

Gorn, who learned of her involvement just two months before it was announced last September, realizes that she's inherited quite a task, but looks forward to helping impart the importance of history and active citizenship to Americans.

"Our Documents: A National Initiative on American History, Civics and Service," is a collection of 100 documents spanning from 1776 to 1965 that are considered milestones of the nation's heritage. The initiative asks teachers to help students look at how rights and responsibilities have changed over time. A Web site, www.ourdocuments.gov, includes high resolution scans and full texts of the documents, details about competitions for students and teachers, curriculum ideas and more.

"This is a very substantive program that we hope will make a huge difference on how people think of themselves as citizens," says Gorn. "I'm not sure enough people understand that while we have all these rights, what do we owe in terms of those rights?"

Some of the documents may be familiar in this discussion, such as the Bill of Rights or the Declaration of Independence, while others are less known, like the Dawes Act of 1887 that helped break up tribally held Native American reservations into parcels for individuals. In any case, intense research and thought went into the final selection. Individuals from the National Archives, the Corporation for National & Community Service and USA/Free Corps all worked to create an accessible, informative and interesting initiative. The time period was chosen because of its significance in America's development (and, as Gorn explains, because it is easier to help students analyze history than it is to work through the significance of current events). Documents produced during that 189-year period mark America's defining of itself.

"From the time when we declared ourselves a country to the Voting Rights Act of 1965," says Gorn, admitting that it was difficult to decide what should and shouldn't be in this initial effort. The public will be asked to vote on the top 10 most significant documents this fall through the Web site. Gorn looks forward to reading the reasoning behind people's choices. She also has a few more current documents she'd like to add to the list.

"Nixon's resignation letter, the *Roe v. Wade* decision," she says.

It would be great, Gorn and colleagues believe, if state archivists created similar lists on a more local level.

Her work on the "Our Documents" project perfectly complements what Gorn's been doing with National History Day (NHD). This year's NHD theme is "Rights and Responsibilities in History." In its 29th year and its 22nd year based on campus, NHD is a year-long competition that combines the efforts of teachers, students, historians, archivists and institutions of high-



Cathy Gorn, executive director of National History Day Inc., believes that educating American schoolchildren on the importance of their rights and responsibilities creates a more civically involved adult.

er education in an effort to create better prepared, more knowledgeable citizens. Young people from grades six through 12 research topics in either "local, national or world history and investigate its historical significance and relationship to the theme," according to this year's NHD sourcebook. Exhibits, performances and papers demonstrate their findings, which are then evaluated by historians and educators. Competitions, where students are divided into a junior division (grades 6-8) and a senior division (grades 9-12), are held at the district, state and national level, with the final contest held at Maryland every summer. This year's competition will be held June 15-19. More than 700,000 students and 40,000 teachers annually take part.

"For the first time, there's a teacher competition due in March. They have to develop a lesson plan on a document or related topic," says Gorn. "They have to pilot it in the classroom and get letters of recommendation from students."

"It's very important to give teachers recognition and encouragement. There are some really good things happening in the classrooms."

Gorn says the umbrella theme for both NHD and "Our Documents" is to get people talking about citizenship through the lens of history. "You will find the good, the bad and the ugly in these discussions, but that's OK."

Center on Aging Program Aids National Efforts



PHOTO BY TRACY VIRAG

Pam Parker, of Minnesota Senior Health Options; Mark Meiners, associate director of the university's Center on Aging and William Clark, with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, receive recognition for their achievements in advancing Medicare and Medicaid integration.

The university's Center on Aging continues its leadership in national health and long-term care policy through ongoing initiatives such as the Medicare/Medicaid Integration Program (MMIP).

Formed to address problems created by a lack of integration between the two giant health programs, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)-sponsored MMIP has provided 13 states with grant support and technical assistance to restructure the way they finance and deliver acute and long-term care. They are: Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin.

"We set the stage for opening people's minds to what integrated long-term care is all about," says Center Associate Director Mark Meiners. Meiners, who was just awarded a \$640,000 grant from the Johnson Foundation to continue his work as MMIP's national program director, also recently received a recognition award from the MMIP noting his "dedication and achievements in advancing Medicare and Medicaid integration." Despite tough economic times in almost every state, Meiners is confident the program will continue to help states find ways to serve an "emerging large population of elderly and disabled clients."

"We're in the phase I call lessons learned," says Meiners. "We're focusing on issues of private care, case management and private care case coordination.... How do we go about developing provider networks?"

At a MMIP Technical Assistance Workshop in December, officials from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medic-

aid Services (CMS) along with state and other policymakers gathered to discuss issues related to managing and improving health and long-term care for the primarily low-income and aged, blind or disabled individuals who are eligible for both federal health programs (dual eligibles). Meiners says streamlining these systems is often a challenging, difficult process.

CMS officials reported that they had already been successful in putting state and federal officials "all in the same place." They also have begun to find solutions to the problems created by the fragmentation of financing, case management and service delivery inherent in the existing system. Attesting to MMIP's value to the integration movement, Judy Berek, CMS principal advisor to the administrator of national policy implementation, told attendees that CMS was looking for input from the program directors. "What do you want from us?" she asked, saying that CMS wants to identify things that they can do in the future with MMIP participants that don't require changes in law or regulation, but do solve systemic problems.

During 2002, the MMIP also published technical papers on topics such as using managed care models to improve care and survey methods to use in getting feedback from this population. Last March, it sponsored a campus conference at which CMS Administrator Thomas Scully announced the formation of a technical advisory group to provide a forum for solutions to the fragmentation that the MMIP has not only studied, but also frequently spotlighted in reports and press releases during the past few years.

In looking to the future, Meiners noted that because of

the groundwork already laid by MMIP programs, other states wanting to join in the integration movement "won't have to start at square one." The Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), now an official Medicare program and perhaps the most well known, leading edge program providing integrated care for dual eligibles, continues to grow while both sharing lessons learned with other MMIP participants and gaining knowledge from its programs.

What may slow such progress is timing. "These are tough public policy issues and now we're in tough economic times. These were challenging topics to address before, with the backlash on managed care," says Meiners.

As of 2002, there are 6.2 million dually eligible individuals. They represent 17.2 percent of the Medicare population and 24 percent of Medicaid costs. In addition, they represent 18.9 percent of Medicaid beneficiaries and 35 percent of Medicaid costs.

Center on Aging researchers are involved with many of the health, economic and social policy issues that concern us as we grow older. Besides the MMIP, among the issues the center is focusing on are the costs and liabilities of private insurance coverage for long-term care, and giving consumers who require personal assistance services greater choice and control concerning who, when and how these services are provided.

"This is interesting stuff and fun stuff," says Meiners, adding that a next step is to help lay people understand and apply what's being learned to everyday care.

For more information about the program and the center, visit the MMIP Web site at www.umd.edu/aging.

Network Develops Skills, Fosters Unity

Seven staff members joined the Peer Consulting Network last month and spent two winter break days in a workshop on process consultation skills and leadership coaching. Their formal orientation was held in December. The volunteer network works out of the Office for Organizational Effectiveness (OOE).

The new members work in teams with more experienced consultants on campus projects. For many, it is a chance to complement their full-time positions with skills learned while working as group facilitators and process consultants.

"It's a chance to get to know a lot of different people and parts of the university," says Wallace Eddy, assistant to the director of Campus Recreation Services. "It lets us expand our horizons."

Consultations vary by time, length and intensity. Eddy says he appreciates the program's flexibility and looks forward to the work.

"Everyone I've met seems so committed to the university. It's an energizing kind of thing," he says, adding that it's especially encouraging to see this kind of cohesion when the campus faces tough times.

Vicky Foxworth, director of OOE, says a new class of consultants comes aboard approximately once a year. "We try to keep it close to four or five



PHOTO BY JAKE SCIAMMAS

Back row, from left: Jackie Wheeler, director of Baltimore Incentive Awards; Gloria Aparicio, assistant to the vice president for administrative affairs; Joelle Davis Carter, program director for diversity, recruitment and retention for the College of Mathematical and Physical Sciences; and Makeba Clay, associate director of student affairs, School of Public Affairs and director of the Maryland Leadership Institute. Front row: Andre Nottingham, associate director of the Academic Achievement Program; Jane Fines, a director at the Clark School of Engineering; and Wallace Eddy, assistant to the director of Campus Recreation Services.

people, but we had such a great group of interested and talented folks this year. Right now, we have 25 total," she says. "We feel that that's the largest number of people we can have in the network, so that we can give them adequate training and coaching to

be able to best serve the campus community."

This month's workshop paired members of the network to strengthen skill areas in which each identified an interest. Members will then be matched with consultations that help them work on those

skill sets. OOE staff will meet with those pairs to go over their process consultation and professional and organizational development plans.

For more information on the network, call Laura Scott at (301) 405-7584 or Foxworth at (301) 405-5249.

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found:

- By itself, the offender's race does not play a clear role in the way cases are handled, but the victim's race does make a difference. Defendants accused of killing white victims are significantly more likely to face the death penalty than cases with non-white victims.

- When the race of the offender and victim are examined together, the study finds: Black offenders who kill blacks are significantly less likely to face the death penalty, while black offenders who kill whites are significantly more likely to face a death sentence than all other racial combinations.

- Prosecutors in different jurisdictions exhibit considerable variation in the extent to which they seek the death penalty.

- These trends are detected in the early stages of prosecution when state's attorneys decide whether to seek a death sentence. They are not detected later—after conviction when prosecutors make a final decision whether to pursue a death sentence, or in the final judgment by judges or juries. But

the initial disparity is not corrected at these later stages, so its effects persist.

"It would be incorrect to conclude that these results point to racial animus in the death penalty system," Paternoster says. "Other explanations are possible and this study doesn't allow us to get inside prosecutors' heads. But it does systematically allow a 21-year record of homicide prosecutions to speak. The record says race and geography do play a role in prosecutors' decisions to pursue a death sentence."

Methods

Since 1987, four studies have examined charges of racial disparity and arbitrary jurisdictional differences in the handling of Maryland death penalty cases. All have suffered from two deficiencies: They did not look at every case in which the death penalty could have been sought, and they failed to consider the effects of various case characteristics that might masquerade as racial effects and lead to false conclusions.

This study was designed to correct these inadequacies. Based on prison and prosecu-

tion records, researchers concluded there were nearly 6,000 homicide prosecutions in Maryland between 1978 and 1999. They then determined which of these cases were death eligible—met the minimum legal requirements for application of the death penalty. In all but 300 cases, this determination was clear-cut. To handle the ambiguous cases, researchers convened a panel of expert defense and prosecution lawyers. All together, 1,311 cases between 1978 and 1999 met the definition of death eligible.

Researchers then combed the prison, court, prosecution, defense, police and public health records of these 1,311 cases looking for detailed information about characteristics of the defendants, victims and crimes. This yielded about 100 pages of details on each case, which researchers translated into data on 123 possible explanatory case factors.

In their analysis, researchers examined how these case factors correlated with the way cases were handled at four critical decision points: 1) prosecutors' initial decision on whether to seek a death sentence, by filing a notice of intent; 2) subsequent decisions on whether to

retract this notice or let it "stick"; 3) prosecutors' decisions to press for a death sentence after conviction; 4) judges' or juries' actual sentences.

Paternoster analyzed the data in two stages. When he found an apparent race and geographic effect, as most earlier studies had, he then statistically "controlled" for the 123 variables—to see whether the effects were real. Could other case characteristics explain what first appeared to be the effects of race and jurisdiction?

"Statistically, I threw the kitchen sink at these initial findings," Paternoster says. "My hunch was other case characteristics could at least knock out the race effect. But it didn't. The race and geography effects are very robust."

Specific Findings (Final Analysis)

The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services sponsored the study through a research grant to the university at the direction of the Maryland General Assembly. A copy of the final report and an executive summary are available online at www.urhome.umd.edu/newsdesk/.



Notable

Spencer Benson, Department of Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics, College of Life Sciences, has won the 2002 State Professor of the Year Award given by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, in partnership with the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

Electrical and Computer Engineering Professor **Victor Granatstein** has received a Fulbright Senior Specialists grant in Information Technology at the Tel Aviv University. The Fulbright Senior Specialists Program offers two- to six-week grants to leading U.S. academics and professionals to support curricular and faculty development and institutional planning at academic institutions in 140 countries around the world.

Debbie Yow is being inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame. The ceremony is in March. Established in 1985, the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame seeks to honor Maryland women "who have made unique and lasting contributions to the economic, political, cultural and social life of the state, and to provide visible models of achievement for tomorrow's female leaders." The Hall of Fame is located in the Maryland Law Library in Annapolis.

Criminology chair **Charles Wellford** has been named a lifetime National Associate of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) "in recognition of extraordinary service to the National Academies in its role as advisor to the nation in matters of science, engineering and health." He is the only criminologist to have received this honor. Wellford has also been reappointed to a second three-year term as chair of the NAS Committee on Law and Justices.

Chris Abolt is University Video's new video editor. He's worked at the Rockville Channel and at Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide, where he was responsible for video editing, creating graphic elements and animation. In addition, he has done production work (lighting, sound, etc.) and some writing and set design.

Alice Middleton joined the University Relations' principal gifts staff. She comes from University of Maryland University College, where she was an executive administrative assistant to the vice president for government affairs.

Snow: Campus is Ready

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is the first mobilized. Sand is the first defense.

Then "the road and parking crew start at 6 a.m.," says Teabout.

"Or from quitting time until..." adds Brown. "The next crew will follow...in 12-hour shifts until it's all done. The sidewalk crew starts with eight-hour shifts."

Al Thompson, director of the loss prevention division, mans a Doppler radar monitor and helps keep track of weather reports broadcast on four television monitors in the division's offices in the Service Building. He keeps track of other closings and delays and has also pulled doughnut duty, picking up the 40 dozen sweets that help motivate the approximately 400 men and women who "can make an all-you-can-eat buffet look like a snack," jokes Brown.

Also at 6 a.m., Brown and Teabout meet with the seven zone supervisors to relay the university's decision and check on work progress.

The last crew to roll in—at about 7:30 a.m.—is the shovelers who take care of the steps. All trade shop employees work on this team, taking care of all handicapped areas, small walks where brushes can't reach and some off-campus locations.

Crews work with anti-icing solutions made of campus-produced salt brine to keep ice from adhering to pavements. Because nearby plant life will be harmed if salt is used on sidewalks, crews are also testing a solution made from "brewery sludge," says Brown. "It's mixed with calcium chloride and has been refined. It smells good and looks like molasses." But it's expensive,

costing \$350 per 55 gallon drum. However, money was well spent on eight new covered, heated cab tractors. "It makes a huge difference for our guys."

This winter's frequent snows are great practice, says Brown. Improved efficiency means that the campus stays open more often, though it's never really closed. Residents

Well, At Least She's Nice About it

The campus' snow phone line must ring dozens of times on wintry mornings as callers check on the university's status. Closed? Open? A two-hour delay? A pleasant, warm recorded voice answers the questions, and maybe takes some of the sting out of bad news.

Sonja Kueppers, with OIT, is responsible for the message, which she leaves after receiving a 5 a.m. call from George Cathcart, director of university communications, telling her the university's decision. It must be tough.

"I try to be cheerful," she says, with a laugh. "I don't think it helps to be grumpy."

How did Kueppers get picked for phone duty? "I'm the manager of campus information personnel and I believe that you shouldn't ask your staff to do something you're not willing to do."

So this Takoma Park resident, who spent some time in Minnesota as a child, knows to sleep light on snow mornings. Though she loves this area, she also loves cold weather and wishes temperatures dropped low more often. When asked what she does with her snow days, Kueppers answers, "Oh, my husband's also a university employee. We watch DVD movies and snuggle on the couch."

need to eat, games are held, the Health Center is open and research is being conducted. Plus, if crews don't stay on top of snow removal, it just gets more difficult. Brown, who braves the cold to bike to work and around campus, says he can only remember once in his 26 years when workers were trapped on campus during an ice storm.

"We were trapped here for four days in the late '90s. No one could get home. We put everyone up in hotels and just kept doing snow [and ice] in shifts."

Winter Weather Tips

Brown offers the following tips to help the campus community weather winter weather:

"Wear wool socks over the tops of your shoes. It will keep you from slipping. It may look funny, but it works." He also cautions against people trying to navigate slippery sidewalks in heels or plastic soled shoes; "greased lightning," he calls them.

To help lot plowers, park your car where there are other cars. When cars park all over, usually to get closer to a building, plows can't clear a lot well.



University Research Shows Overdose Deaths Increasing

As part of a unique program to help state and local officials address problems related to drug use, university researchers have observed a sharp rise in the number of deaths attributable to drug overdoses in Maryland since 1997.

A new study by the Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR) shows a 16 percent increase in Maryland deaths from drug or alcohol overdoses between 1997 and 2001. In 2001 alone, 559 people died this way.

CESAR conducted the study for Maryland's Drug Early Warning System (DEWS), which has been tracking statistics on overdoses for several years because it helps give authorities a glimpse into the state's changing drug abuse problem. Once DEWS detects an emerging drug-use trend, it quickly disseminates the information to state, county and local governments.

Among the striking trends revealed in the new study is a 76 percent increase in the number of women who died from drug overdoses during the five-year period. Still, four times as many men died from overdoses as women, the study shows.

The study also turned up a tenfold increase in deaths from methadone overdoses, though the number of cases is small: two people in 1997

versus 21 in 2001. Similar increases in methadone deaths were reported in states across the nation.

The racial profile of overdose victims also shifted. Overdose deaths rose by 27 percent among whites, but by less than five percent among African Americans. In 1997, the number of African American overdose victims was slightly higher than whites. But by 2001, the figures had nearly reversed. Whites represented 52 percent of all deaths that year, African Americans 46 percent.

Eighty percent of all overdose deaths occurred in Baltimore City and Central Maryland, which has one of the highest rates of heroin addiction in the nation. Most of the overdoses looked at in the study resulted from use of a single drug, not a combination of drugs. Narcotics contributed to 82 percent of the deaths.

"This kind of information can give authorities and practitioners the first indication that something's changed in the drug scene," says Eric Wish, director of CESAR and a professor of criminology at the university. "But interpreting the numbers can be tricky—we can't just assume drug use itself is rising. Changes in the purity of street drugs, for example, can influence overdose rates."

The DEWS report is available at www.dewsonline.org.

Divers: University Program Safe, Thorough

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Sarro (right) supervises students Smithanik and Mularski during a rescue demonstration at the Neutral Buoyancy Facility.

from a boat or the beach, who are the dive buddies, what is the emergency plan, how deep in the dive and for how long, how many dives will there be?

"If they're missing any data, then no dive," says Sarro, who has been in the diving industry for at least 30 years and started with the Oyster Recovery Partnership, a network of local, state and federal agencies dedicated to bringing oysters back to Maryland's Chesapeake Bay.

University science divers follow, and Sarro says exceed, recommendations made by the American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS), of which the university is a member. According to the AAUS Web site, scientific diving is different from commercial diving in that participants "engage in underwater research activities to express exemption from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations that govern other types of diving." These exemptions are not a lessening of the standards, just a reflection of the differences. Scientific divers don't, for example, need to worry about

construction or demolition.

"Being members of AAUS brings diversity to the dive program," says Donna McMahon, assistant director of DES. Several universities and research institutions claim membership, which makes working in other locations easier.

"There's such good oversight that it gives a feeling of confidence to people you're working with," she says.

"It adds credibility to this program," adds Sarro, who also works for the university's Center for Environmental Science Horn Point Laboratory in Cambridge, Md.

To gain AAUS membership, an organization must fulfill three main requirements: have a qualified safety officer in place, have a diving control board (of which members are individually approved by AAUS) and have a dive safety manual.

Some of the university's projects include historical work being done with the University of Haifa in Israel and work in the Chesapeake Bay. Sarro also works with divers in the neutral buoyancy facility, who are simu-

lating the weightlessness of space in water. There's even a professor, Marjori Erickson-Natishan, who participates in underwater submarine races every year at Carderock. At least seven projects are underway.

"A lot of what I do is paperwork, sending reminders of license renewals and certifications," says Sarro. He administers some of the training himself, such as HAZMAT, CPR and first aid. In his free time, he does dive charters and some outside teaching.

"We're very fortunate to get Bill," says McMahon, "because of all his experience."

For those interested in recreational diving, Campus Recreation

Services offers a non-credit scuba instruction course. Its next session will begin Feb. 25, with registration beginning today, Jan. 28. The 30-hour course will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Participants must register in person at the Campus Recreation Center member services desk. The cost is \$275 and individuals must have a physical examination before registering for class. Health forms can be picked up at the desk.

The course is taught by Bob Landers, who also teaches scuba kinesiology at the university. Participants will go on a certification dive following the end of the class at Willow Springs Quarry in Pennsylvania. Certification is through the National Association of Underwater Instructors. All other coursework is done at the university.

For more information, call (301) 405-PLAY or visit www.crs.umd.edu.

Career Center Expands Its Offerings Graduate Students Are Focus



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Travis Sheffler (above right) wants to help provide comprehensive career guidance and counseling for graduate students. Sheffler's colleague Chris Irwin (above background), PR and marketing coordinator for the center, chats with administrative assistant Lattisha Hawkins (not visible) in the recently renovated space.

Over the next two years, Travis Sheffler will work hard to ensure that graduate students looking for career guidance find a welcoming, helpful place at the Career Center.

Sheffler is the center's new program director for graduate student career services. It is a pilot, contract position created to work in tandem with Jason Pontius, the new coordinator of graduate student involvement. The two conducted a survey last spring to gauge graduate students' satisfaction and needs.

Sheffler wants to overcome a common misconception - that the Career Center's resources are just for undergraduate students. Not so, says Sheffler, though it is true that many colleges and universities don't have a position dedicated to graduate student employment needs at a time when it seems needed.

"With the state of the economy, there are a number of people in graduate programs. [The economy] has forced people to look outside of the box, look for other options," he says. However, "there aren't a lot of programs out there

to use as models, or for benchmarking purposes."

He is enlisting help in order to serve the diverse needs of a 9,000-strong graduate population. He wants to encourage collaboration between other campus units and his office so that students receive as much assistance as possible in their search for employment. Faculty members, for example, he says, are a great source for job leads, especially in academia. He would like to help students look for work outside of education, as well.

"I'm looking to work in collaboration with faculty; for their participation in programs, to market the programs and services in the center and for contacts in industry," he says, adding that he'd like to address classes to talk about the center's offerings.

Because there are so many needs and interests, Sheffler wants to plan a variety of activities to meet them. He'd like to conduct a workshop, for example, on employment trends and emerging opportunities. As workplaces become more interdisciplinary, there is "a breadth of

opportunities and a lot in the sciences," says Sheffler, who comes to Maryland from a similar position at Arizona State University's Career Management Center, where he was director of student/corporate relations for the Department of Accountancy and Information Systems. The Maryland campus' location, he says, provides access to interesting employment opportunities.

"There are a lot of connections with the federal government, such as professional associations. I want graduate students to see them as an option for them."

Other plans Sheffler has for serving graduate students include networking activities geared to international students, a career services Web site, discipline-specific panels and skill development workshops.

Sheffler brings a long-standing enthusiasm for the university to his position. A Northern Virginia native whose dad and uncle are alumni, he remembers listening to Terps football games on the radio at 4 or 5 years old. "I've always been a Terp fan," he says.

Diversity Initiative Sponsors Cutting-Edge Programming

When students encounter a community of others different from themselves, they are provided opportunities for new ways to understand and interpret the world. A research study commissioned by the Ford Foundation revealed that today's college graduates will have to communicate with people from different cultures and races.

University faculty members play a key role in educating college youth about diversity issues. The Faculty Relations Committee of the Diversity Initiative has grown from a one-day program to an on-going institutionalized effort recognized as a national model by the Ford Foundation, American Council on Education, Association of American Colleges and Universities and the White House Initiative on Race.

Connected to the Office of Human Relations Programs (OHRP), the initiative helps faculty of all ranks, disciplines and academic appointments to develop and implement cutting-edge diversity programming. The committee works to make diversity a central value of our educational enterprise by:

- Increasing faculty awareness of campus climate and intergroup relations;

- Sponsoring innovation in diversity pedagogy and curriculum development;

- Supporting innovative diversity research projects that enhance student learning and involve diverse teams of researchers;

- Creating successful university-community partnerships that focus on diversity, social justice, and improved quality of life;

- Publicizing successful diversity practices; and,
- Bringing new energy and resources to the campus dialogue on diversity.

Each year, the committee awards one to three Faculty Support Awards to encourage teaching, research, or service projects aimed at building a more inclusive campus community. Winning recipients receive course "buy-outs" to implement their projects. The Diversity Initiative, the Office of the Associate Provost for Equity and Diversity and the Office of Research and Graduate Studies, collaboratively sponsor this award program. The research of the most current winner of the Faculty Support Awards is presented below.

Two new chairs sit on the committee, Journalism Professor Maurine Beasley and Kinesiology Professor Marvin Scott. Beasley, a specialist in the subject of women's portrayal and participation in

journalism, focuses on Washington women journalists, including their coverage of First Ladies. Her books, "The Eleanor Roosevelt Encyclopedia," and "Taking Their Place: A Documentary History of Women and Journalism," are read by journalists and journalism students nationwide. Beasley teaches on women in the media, journalism history and research methods.

Scott has been on the faculty in the Department of Kinesiology for 13 years. He serves as an instructor and coordinator of the kinesiological science program. He has extensive involvement with diversity issues, which includes representing the university at the Association of American Colleges and Universities conferences as well as participating in a Classroom Climate Training Workshop, and the Summer Institute on Race and Gender sponsored by Maryland. Also, he teaches a course for the department that fulfills the institution's general education diversity requirement. He curriculum and instruction training focuses on institutional culture, multicultural education and at-risk students.

The Faculty Relations Committee also sponsors an annual Diversity Initiative Faculty Research Forum every spring. This year's forum, to be held on April 8, will showcase the work of the award recipients.

Awardee for 2002-2003 Marla McIntosh, professor, Natural Resource Science and Landscape Architecture, Marla McIntosh will use her award to study the participation and roles of women in the academic sector of agricultural sciences. The goal of her research is to identify causes and suggest solutions to the pervasive gender imbalance among agricultural professionals and academics, particularly among high-level positions. For example, McIntosh is the only female full professor in a department of 40 tenure-track faculty. Using national databases, she will analyze data to determine the extent of a "pipeline" effect where the proportion of women "leaks" at each level throughout the professional pipeline. She will also investigate where women who leave academia are going and why they are leaving. Results of her study, which include 1,700 responses to a survey of members of the American Society of Agronomy, are planned to be published. Also, she intends to submit her study and recommendations to OHRP.

Terrorism: Database Helps Connect Events

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expected to attend a series of lectures relating to methodological and conceptual difficulties of doing research on terrorism and violent crime.

"Once coding of the terrorism data is completed, we plan to use the data to answer a series of questions about the nature of terrorism. Our analysis will begin by examining changing characteristics of terrorist events (e.g., targets, methods) over time, mapping and spatial analysis, geographical diffusion of terrorist methods, trend analysis (including the detection of "booms" and

"busts"), and the distribution of specific forms of terrorist activity such as kidnappings and hijackings," said LaFree. "We also plan to merge the terrorism database with several important international data bases. This will allow us to examine how terrorist events are related to a wide variety of other economic, political and social variables, including economic stress, political legitimacy and population growth."

The team expects that it will be especially useful to use these data to analyze the extent to which democratic transitions are associ-

ated with particular changes in rates and types of terrorist events. It can also be used to examine how terrorism is related to global changes including state failures and coups, ethnic conflicts and other international crises.

"With the support of university staff and students, our goal is to create a more inclusive database on terrorist events than any of the other publicly available data sets that now exist. We hope these data will eventually provide a more complete understanding of terrorist violence and how it may be combatted," said LaFree.

For Your Interest

Teaching, Learning, Technology?

The "Teaching, Learning, Technology?" speaker series, sponsored by the Office of Information Technology and the University Libraries, brings international experts to campus to discuss integrating technology into the learning process.

"Finding Materials and Building Learning Communities: MERLOT" will be the first presentation of the semester. The featured speaker will be Laura Franklin, professor of French and assistant division chair of Foreign Languages and History in the Humanities and Social Sciences Division for Northern Virginia Community College. Franklin also co-edits the World Languages collection of the Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT) project, a collaborative academic community whose primary goal is to increase its members' knowledge, productivity and professional effectiveness in academic technology services. Franklin will demonstrate her work with the MERLOT project and discuss how it applies to teaching and learning in the languages.

Franklin will speak on Thursday, Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. in 6137 McKeldin Library. For more information, visit www.oit.umd.edu/as/speakerseries.html.

IGCA Spring Reception

The Institute for Global Chinese Affairs (IGCA) will hold a reception on Thursday, Feb. 6, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in 0130 Nyumburu Cultural Center, to recognize three Chinese delegations participating in IGCA executive training programs. This includes the Beijing Finance Delegation, Jiangsu World Trade Organization (WTO) Research Delegation and Zhejiang Science and Technology Delegation.

RVSP by Monday, Feb. 3 by contacting Linda Zhao at (301) 405-0209 or lz45@umail.umd.edu. For more information about the event, visit www.inform.umd.edu/igca.

IGCA Symposium

The Institute for Global Chinese Affairs (IGCA) invites the campus community to a symposium on U.S.-China relations on Wednesday, Feb. 5 from noon to 4:30 p.m. in 0105 St. Mary's Hall. "Sino-American Relations in the News: Does the Media Reflect a Balance?" will feature a luncheon and afternoon panels on media coverage of U.S.-China relations. Several experts will reflect on whether and how the Chinese and U.S. media may affect public opinion on the subject.

Robert A. Kapp, president, U.S.-China Business Council, will give the keynote speech.

Spinners, University Welcome New Governor

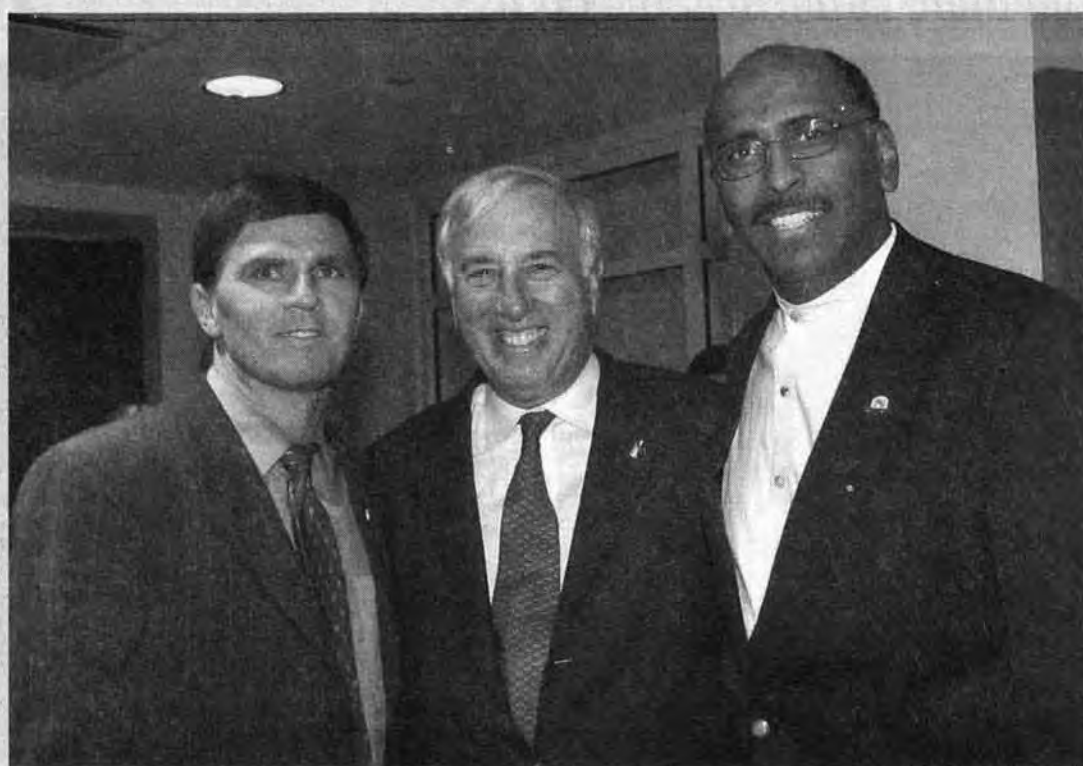


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Gov. Bob Ehrlich, President Dan Mote and Lt. Gov. Michael Steele attended an Inaugural Concert, which featured the Spinners, at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on Jan. 14.

Club Recognizes Members' Contributions



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MITCHELL

The university's Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM) recently hosted a Club of Budapest luncheon honoring Vinod Bhalla (inset), Club of Budapest ambassador to the United States, and Peter Spiegel (at left in photo, top), secretary general to the Club of Budapest International. The event was organized by Suheil Bushrui (top right), Bahá'í Chair for World Peace and a creative member of the Club of Budapest, whose philosophy is that humanity can overcome the challenges it faces through the development of a global cultural consciousness. The club's mission is to be a catalyst for transformation into a sustainable world. It was founded in 1978 by its president, Ervin Laszlo, who believes "the challenge is to create a positive future. And that is up to you and me."

Panelists from the Department of Communication and the Department of Government & Politics and several noted off-campus scholars will offer their insights on economic, political and military issues and press coverage. Open-floor discussions and question-and-answer periods will be held.

RSVP by Monday, Feb. 3 to Rebecca McGinnis at (301) 405-0213 or rm165@umail.umd.edu.

For more information, visit www.inform.umd.edu/igca.

Reduced Charges for Departmental Wireless LANs

Effective Jan. 1, the Office of Information Technology (OIT) has restructured wireless pricing for departments to reflect

better discounts from its vendor. The restructuring reduces maintenance fees to \$4 per month per access point. The one-time charges associated with the new options range from \$610 to \$910 per access point. There is no charge for use of the wireless network.

For more information or to arrange a site visit, contact wireless@nts.umd.edu or visit www.wireless.umd.edu.